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- $1. \ \ FOLLOWING \ IS \ FOR \ POSTS' \ INFORMATION \ ONLY.$
- 2. VOGEL AND SHABTAI KALMANOVITCH HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OUR CHARGE IN BONN ABOUT POSSIBLE PRISONERS EXCHANGE, IN PARTICULAR CONCERNING PROPOSAL FOR SHCHARANSKIY-THOMPSON EXCHANGE (REFTEL). AT CONGRESSMAN GILMAN'S REQUEST, WE

## HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIM.

- 3. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT USG IS WILLING TO LISTEN BUT IS NOT REPEAT NOT INVOLVED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON PROPOSALS FOR PRISONERS EXCHANGES. WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO REPEAT NO PROPOSALS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF SHCHARANSKIY OR OTHERS AND THAT VOGEL HAS NEVER SAID HE HAD AUTHORIZATION FROM SOVIETS TO DISCUSS SUCH EXCHANGES.
- 4. WE BELIEVE CHANCES ARE SLIGHT THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROMOTE AN EXCHANGE INVOLVING SHCHARANSKIY BEFORE THEY TRY HIM. VANCE

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